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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and eleventh session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association met with the High Point Church, in High Point, Guilford County, North Carolina, on Friday, August 27, 1943, and continued through Saturday and Sunday, August 28th and 29th.

After engaging in songs of praise, continued with prayer by Elder J. Harvey Daily, 109 Heard Ave, Macon, Ga., followed by introductory discourse by Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C., pastor of High Point hurch from Solomon 65:4.

After one hour for refreshments the Association met in the house, and after songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, Messengers and Brethren proceeded to business in the following order:

Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of High Point Church, served as Moderator, Brother H. M. Willard, Clerk of High Point Church, served as Clerk and called Brethren Preston Helms as Assistant Clerk, and Elder C. M. Mills and Robert Horne as Reading Clerks.

1. Invited all orderly Baptist who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

High Point Church represented by whole church.

Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, N. D. Hathcock, Charlie Furr and W. H. Hatley.

Watson: Brethren Hoyle Simpson, J. T. Simpson, Preston Helms and Cletus Helms.

High Hill: Brethren C. R. Hill, M. C. Mills, S. H. Edwards and Henry Austin.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren J. M. Taylor, Claude Mills, C. W. Griffin and A. E. Broom.

Union Grove: Brethren L. E. Outen, W. A. Medlin, Brice Baucom and Clarence Earnhart.

Liberty Hill: Brethren John Harwood, C. C. Furr, E. A. Honeycutt and Ellis Lambert.

Mountain Creek: Brethren George Hope, Virgil Solomon, Willie Solomon and J. E. Russell.

Union: Brethren Brady Polk and W. R. Coley.

Bethel: Brethren R. O. Lewis and J. P. Lee.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren A. Auman and S. L. Arrington.

Lawyer Springs: Brethren C. P. Marsh, J. Robert Horne, James Horne and L. T. Marsh.

3. Called for petitionary letters. Pleasant Hill presented letter and was received unanimously.

4. The Moderator, Elder V. V. Willard, was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Darius Burroughs, Elder C. M. Mills, R. A. Strickland, Sr., J. B. Sharp and Cletus Marsh.

Committee on Finance: Brethren L. A. King, L. E. Morefield, M. C. Mills and Robert Horne.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

Elders C. M. Mills and T. L. Webb with a number of Deacons formed a Presbytery with Pleasant Grove church and ordained Brother C. W. Griffin a Deacon on Saturday before the second Sunday in June, 1943.

On Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1943, Elders V. V. Willard, T. L. Webb and O. C. Mullis, with a number of Deacons organized a Presbytery at Pleasant Hill church and ordained Brother A. Almond to the full duty of Deacon.

Brethren Fred Lee Honeycutt and John Harwood were ordained to the full duties of Deacon at Liberty Hill church by a Presbytery composed of Elders T. L. Webb, C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard and O. C Mullis with a number of Deacons on Saturday before first Sunday in February.

6. Invited messengers and visitors from Sister Associations and churches to seats with us.

From Silver Creek: Elder L. L. Hoffman, R-4, Asheville, N. C.

From Dan River: Elders J. R. Wilson, F. F. Eggleston, W. H. Oaks, J. D. Hopkins and W. H. Lewis.

From Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson, M. M. Denning, Brethren R. F. Smith and Currin.

From Little River of Georgia: Elder T. V. Mann.

From South Arkansas: No intelligence.

From Highland of Kentucky: No intelligence.

From Cannochee: Elder J. B. Glisson and wife; Elder P. H. Byrd.

From South West Texas: No intelligence.

From Lower Wetumpka: No intelligence.

From Echeconnee: Elder J. Harvey Daily and wife.

From Spoons Creek: Elder J. P. Via.

From Marietta: Elder Roy N. Mitchell.

Ministers and Brethren to visit Sister Associations are as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders O. C. Mullis, C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard, O. C. Mullis and T. L. Webb.

Dan River: Elders T. L. Webb, C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis and V. V. Willard.

Sequachie Valley: Minutes.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Minutes.

Mt. Zion: Minutes and probably messengers.

South Arkansas: Minutes:

Little River of Georgia: Elders C. M. Mills, O. C. Mullis, T. L. Webb and V. V. Willard.

7. Agreed to continue correspondence with all Church and Associations with whom we now correspond.

8. On motion Elder C. M. Mills was appointed to write corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this Association.

9. On motion agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning, August 28th at 10 o'clock, E. W. T.

Beediction by Elder J. R. Wilson of Martinsville, Va.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 10 o'clock E. W. T. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder T. V. Mann, 903 Beecher St., S. W. Atlanta, Ga., proceeded to business as follows:

10. Called on Finance Committee to report. Committee reported sent up by churches $371.45.

Agreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

12. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

13. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold the next session of the Association with Meadow Creek Church beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1944, and continue three days, and that the pastor of Meadow Creek Church preach the introductory sermon:

14. By motion, agreed that we have 1000 copies of this minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing same, and that we allow him $45.00 for his services and printing.

15. By motion, we agree all funds above $45.00 allowed for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

16. By unanimous consent, the Association returns thanks to God for his mercy and the Brethren, Sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment during this meeting.

We wish to express our thanks to C. H. Willard, proprietor of Lindale Dairy, for furnishing ice for this meeting, and also to Chief Friddle and his force for their efficient manner of directing traffic.

17. On motion, the Association adjourned to time and place mentioned above.

Benediction by Elder J. D. Hopkins of Schoolfield, Va.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator.
H. M. WILLARD, Clerk.
PRESTON HORNE, Assistant Clerk.
ELDER C. M. MILLS AND ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerks.

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FRIDAY A. M.

Elder V. V. Willard, Sol. 65:4.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder L. L. Hoffman. Failed to get text.
Elder T. V. Mann. No special text.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder O. C. Mullis, John 6.
Elder W. H. Lewis, 2nd Col.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder J. B. Glisson, Ephesians 1:8.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, John 1:1.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder W. H. Oakes, Ephesians 4:4.
Elder Roy N. Mitchell, Daniel 3:29.
Elder T. L. Webb, Hebrews 11:14.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Snider. No special text.
Elder J. D. Hopkins. No special text.
Elder M. M. Denning, Jer. 31.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder J. Harvey Daily, Romans 9:9-11.
Elder P. H. Byrd, Ezekiel 27:1-12.
Elder J. T. Lewis. Failed to get text.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder J. R. Wilson.
Elder C. M. Mills.

NOTE

This was a meeting to be long remembered by the attentive congregation present.

We were blessed to have several visiting ministers from a distance, and they, like our home ministers, were blessed by God to rightly divide the word of truth, giving God all the honor for all blessings which He rightly deserves.

Ministers and Brethren, we appreciate your visits and hope you may have a mind to come our way again.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 109 West First St., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.
Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.
Elder S F. Heath, Mt. Holly, N. C.
Elder W. E. Benton, Sharlotte, S. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. B. Glisson, Claxton, Ga.
Elder L. L. Hoffman, Asheville, N. C.
Elder T. V. Mann, 903 Beecher St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.
Elder P. H. Byrd, Vidalia, Ga.
Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va.
Elder J. Harvey Daily, Macon, Ga.
Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder W. H. Lewis, Keeling, Va.
Elder Roy N. Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder J. T. Lewis, Angier, N. C.

Elder W. H. Oaks, Dryfork, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Shoolfield, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Martinsville, Va.
Elder M. M. Denning, Apex, N. C.
Elder Snider, Winston-Salem, N. C.

FINANCIAL

Handed in by Churches and Friends	$385.20
Allowed for printing and mailing and clerk's fee	$ 45.00
Distributed to Ministers	$340.20
Total	$385.20

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Chuches and Brethren composing the Original Bear Creek Association, Greetings.

We, by the mercy of God, have been blessed to meet again in an Association capacity and peace abounds, for which we thank our Heavenly Father.

We are contending for what we have always stood for: Salvation by Grace. Deliverance from all the suffering, wrath to come is a free favor, unmeritted, underserved, bestowed on the poor fallen sinner.

As we live in this world, it behooves us to be careful what, and whom we follow. The Bible gives us advice and the only counsel that can be wholly depended on. Watch and pray lest you enter into temptation.

The Bible is easier to understand than man. For it has not changed truth, never changes. Men change their course and doings. Some even leave the faith.

The church lives on love, kindness, mercy and good will and such is what we bid godspeed. May it long continue among us and our corresponding brethren. If you have trouble at home, please leave it there. We have enough to do to attend to our own business and if we will do that, we will do well. Come, please visit us often, to sing, pray and worship and help us to forget our sorrow and trials. And keep in mind the goodness of our Lord and our duty toward him and to each other. We thank God for the gifts which feed our souls and the good preaching at this sitting. Please take this as an invitation to continue our mutual love and fellowship for each other.

With love to all. C. M. MILLS.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant

state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Received By Letter	Received By Relation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Meadow Creek...	Elder O. C. Mullis, R-3, Monroe, N. C.	R. M. Haley, Oakboro, N. C.....		1				1		38	1	$ 20.00
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, 109 W. 1st St.,..... Charlotte, N. C. Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	Preston Helms, R-2, Marshville, N. C..								28	4	$ 15.00
Pleasant Grove...	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C..... Elder T. L. Webb, Marshville, N. C.	A. E. Broom, R-2, Marshville, N. C....	1				3	2	1	66	2	$ 30.00
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va....	Martin C. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C....							1	51	1	$ 40.00
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	F. L. Baucom, R-3, Monroe, N. C.....	5			1		1	1	93	2	$ 41.70
Mountain Creek..	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	J. E. Russell, Albemarle, N. C.....	2							23	3	$ 16.50
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	T. L. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.....	3					1	2	71	1	$ 30.00
Lawyer's Spring..	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va....	Robert Horne, Peachland, N. C.....	2						4	76	1	$ 31.25
Union.....	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va	W. R. Coley, 54 Woodrow Avenue,..... Belmont, N. C.				1	1			28	3	$ 6.00
Bethel.....	Elder W. E. Benton, Wampee, S. C....	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.....	3					1	1	31	4	$ 6.00
High Point.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C. Elder J. P. Via, Critz, Va.....	H. M. Willard, Marble Street,..... Winston-Salem, N. C.	1	1	1		7		1	94	4	$141.75
Pleasant Hill.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	W. E. Lucas, 1221 Northwood St.,..... Greensboro, N. C.								7	3	$ 7.00
		TOTALS.....	17	2	1	2	10	6	11	606		$385.20

The one hundred and twelfth session of this Association will be held with Meadow Creek Church, Stanly County, N. C., third Sunday in September with Friday and Saturday before.